Presentation

Judy Sparrow – Office of the National Coordinator – Executive Director
Thank you, operator. Good afternoon and welcome, everybody, to the Privacy & Security Workgroup Friday Call. Let me do a quick roll call and also, public will have opportunity to make a comment at the end of the meeting. Dixie Baker?

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
I'm here.

Judy Sparrow – Office of the National Coordinator – Executive Director
Steve Findlay? Anne Castro? David McCallie? Gina Perez? Wes Rishel? Walter Suarez?

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
I'm here.

Judy Sparrow – Office of the National Coordinator – Executive Director
Joy Pritts?

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Here.

Judy Sparrow – Office of the National Coordinator – Executive Director
Chris Brancato? Deborah Lasky? John Moehrke?

John Moehrke – Interoperability & Security, GE – Principal Engineer
Present.

Judy Sparrow – Office of the National Coordinator – Executive Director
Adam Green?

Adam Green – Progressive Chain Campaign Committee – Cofounder
Here.

Judy Sparrow – Office of the National Coordinator – Executive Director
Ed Larsen?

Ed Larsen – HITSP
Here.

Judy Sparrow – Office of the National Coordinator – Executive Director
Anybody else on the line that I didn't name? Okay, with that I'll turn it over to Dixie.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
Okay. Well, thank you, guys, for calling in. As Judy mentioned in her e-mail, this is going to be a short meeting, shorter than I had originally expected that it would be. There are really just two quick items on the agenda, but I did want to brief, make you guys aware of both of them before our committee meeting next week in particular.

Number one is I had Judy send to you, just FYI, a document, a two-pager, one-and-a-half-pager that I wrote at the request of John Halamka. John received a request from the Policy Committee for some suggestions for items that they might undertake and I looked, I just considered back on the policy items that have really come up in this committee over the past year and used those as my primary source to put that brief document together and I wanted you to have a copy of it.

The second item on the agenda is I wanted to talk to you about what this workgroup should undertake next. I wanted to discuss that with you and then in the last half-day or so I've learned of some plans from the ONC, so I've asked Joy to talk to you guys about what the ONC plans in the near-term in the area of privacy and security. So, Joy.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Thank you. Thank you, all, for calling in today. I apologize for the kind of short notice for the news I'm about to impart, but there was an HIT Policy Committee, a general Policy Committee meeting, on Thursday and the various workgroups, NHIN and the Privacy & Security Workgroup and even some of the other workgroups expressed a concern that some of the privacy issues were being dealt with in kind of an overlapping fashion in some of those workgroups and perhaps were not being addressed consistently. From our programmatic side we've heard that we have a need to address some issues in fairly short order and that we really didn't have the adequate staff in place to assist the workgroups in a meaningful way to accomplish the amount of work we need in a fairly short time.

So we conquered … on the Policy Committee side. We've spent the last day or so talking with the chairs of those groups to see if we could come up with a way of proceeding in a more expeditious and efficient fashion. What we've decided to do is we're going to form a privacy and security taskforce on the Policy Committee side to take on some of these issues, some of which are touched on in this e-mail that Dixie had forwarded. What we're going to do is we're planning on identifying some of the issues that need to be resolved in a fairly short order and forming some kind of almost Tiger Team; I'm sure you're all familiar with that; to address those and hopefully to come to some resolution in fairly short order, by the end of summer and early fall at the latest, on some of these issues, at least to be presented to the greater Policy Committee.

In light of that, we thought it might be wise to wait until those Policy Committee decisions had actually been made before we funnel work to your group because it seems from some of the discussions that have been ongoing that the Standards Committee does need guidance on what the policy is before it can continue with policy work. So our thought was to have Dixie join us as a representative member in the task force on the Privacy & Security Policy Committee side and to put this group on a bit of a hiatus until we have more direction from the Policy Committee. We think this group has done a lot of good work and continue to do wonderful work, but what we've also heard is that you need more guidance from the policy side in order to do that work and so that's what we're kind of stepping up to do here.

So that's my message and I'm willing to hear comments and questions now.

John Moehrke – Interoperability & Security, GE – Principal Engineer

Joy, this is John Moehrke. I think this is great news, because I agree with many of the statements that you made that lead up to this. Is there, per chance, a way that we can work with the task force? Because often times my experience is that creating policy iteratively with technology is a way to, first off, accelerate and second off, keep the policy within the bounds of what the technology can do and identify where the technology gaps are. So I would be interested in assisting with this iterative approach.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Okay. I think that's a good idea, John. In all honesty, I haven't thought out exactly everything that we need to do, because this is very fresh. As you can see, I think the Policy Committee met on Thursday, but what we're trying to do is we're balancing trying to not have the group be too big so that it can actually move fairly quickly, but we want to make sure that we have the input from the right people. So what I think I would like to do is put you down as a volunteer.

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
Joy, this is Walter. I want to—

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Walter, are we going to draft you or are you going to volunteer too?

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
Well, before I volunteer; of course, I will volunteer; I wanted to make a couple of comments if I could.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Sure.

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
So, the first one is I absolutely agree with John. I think the iterative approach, more importantly, the involvement more so than iterative in the sense of having two groups in parallel, but the integrated involvement of people with expertise in the technical side will help the policy people understand some of the realities and the perspectives and the constraints, at least currently, in the near-term as John pointed out in one of his messages about the ability to exercise certain policies. So that I think I would absolutely agree; I think it will be very helpful not too inundate, of course, or to overwhelm the group with technology people, but I think it will be very valuable to have that perspective.

The second comment I have is I don't see that this would be, in my mind, a single group with the array of issues that will need to be addressed. Just to start with, as you know, the dealing of privacy and have that as an issue and its sub-issues, if you will, concern segmentation and those kinds of things and the issues around security include policy security, including the things that are highlighted in Dixie's letter. I think considering a single group, a single entity, a single body trying to address all of those would probably not be effective and so I would expect –

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Could I just jump in here?

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
Yes.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
One: We heard; it was real clear from the Policy Committee meeting that it was essential to have some technical expertise integrated with the options for policy considerations because the comments that were

made from some of the preliminary recommendations, that had been made from one of the workgroups quite clearly were that maybe they were not headed in an area, in a direction that would be workable technologically. You're exactly right and I should have gone into a little bit more detail when I was describing the potential setup here. I think what we're going to do is have three sub-groups, like special interest groups that are working contemporaneously on some of these issues so that we can break them up and then take those up to more like the Task Force Group so that they have a lot of work that's been done before it gets to them.

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
Joy, this is David McCallie. I'm a little bit late in joining the call, though I heard your proposal and I would just second the feedback from both, John and Walter, that this process will be doomed to fail the same way many other similar such processes have failed if it's not an iterative approach. You can't do a top-down model in this space –

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
You're absolutely right and we recognize that. I'm taking notes. We had some ideas about actually speaking with some of the state HIE people also to see, to make sure that when policies are being recommended that they actually answer their very definitive needs.

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
And I would also add that there are privacy and security policy and privacy and security technology. I think the other factor that gets somehow, are sometimes underappreciated is the overall architecture of the system.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Yes.

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
Very different technology questions and different policy questions emerge from different approaches to the overall architecture, so if you have a state-by-state model, if you have a patient controlled model, if you have a completely decentralized model these have profound effects on what questions turn out to be important and which questions turn out to be not so hard. It's the lack of a coherent reflection on the correct architecture that, to me, is the core problem here.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
I strongly agree with what David just said and the architectures that people are coming up with, business and technical I would say are way beyond what I think anybody has anticipated.

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
Yes. Some of them are going to make the problem really hard and some of them will make the problem less hard. That comes down to policy decision, of course, but thought about at the architectural level, rather than at the detail, security, technology level.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
Yes. Yes.

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
I think, just for example, the white paper that Latanya presented to one of the groups a few months ago where she outlined six or seven candidate architectures for nationwide data interchange, I don't think that

paper was complete or thorough, but it was a good example of how to frame the question and with work that approach, I think, would be where it should start.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
Jumping onto David's comment, is the idea of having policy that really constrains options for HIEs, is that on the table or are they just assuming that HIEs can just emerge however they want to?

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
Do you mean like they've already done?

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
Yes. Yes. I mean yes.

(Overlapping voices.)

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
As I understand it, there is a lot of expectation that HIEs will have, with respect to privacy policies, local control. There is also, of course, the engine. I apologize for the background noise. I am at the airport. There is also the question about the engine itself and its policy perspective around privacy and security, but in my understanding, the HIE world ... being laid out through the cooperative agreements would say there is quite a bit of local control with respect to the policy issue.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
I'm talking about architectural policy at a higher level, like one that we've discussed in previous meetings. You know, some of the HIEs are really creating their own EHR repositories, copying information into a central repository that they control, which, of course, goes against the whole connecting for health recommendations.

Would ONC consider saying we don't want that to happen, that there is a policy that you don't replicate this data in the central repository and you should opt for a federated approach or is that like in their backyards too much?

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
It is my understanding from having posed this question that we may make recommendations as to a preferred architecture, but will probably not dictate an architecture, particularly since some states are fairly a lot far along in what their architecture already is. So that is one of the parameters within which I believe we will be working. Having said that, I am keenly aware that architecture is ... to consider in evaluating privacy and security.

Many of you probably don't know this; I know Walter does; but I co-authored a paper a number of years ago that looked at how some consent mechanisms had been implemented in other countries and the whole paper was framed in terms of what the laws were in the country and what the assumption of the architecture was. So the analyses varied depending on what the architecture was and where the pressure points for decisions were. So I am very well aware of that issue.

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
I think all of the ... cooperative agreements, again, the actual language in them is very open, as I understand it, with respect to the architectural approaches. It is not dictating specific architectural ways of addressing and building an HIE or even some of the functional requirements within an HIE model. So I think they are fairly open and, of course, there are the planning cooperative agreements and the

implementation ones, but I don't think they are descriptive or prescriptive about the type of approaches that a state should take with respect to their architectural models.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
I believe that is accurate and I believe that I would probably go one step further and say that there is actually, my understanding from recent discussions, no requirement that a state adopt a specific architectural model.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
Right.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
A state could approach this in a number of different fashions within a state and I realize, having read Latanya's paper and heard David's comments earlier that that makes this analysis difficult. We will try to accommodate that as best as we can.

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
Joy, also with respect to the concept of the task force, in my mind; and this is just reacting to your news basically initially; it seems to me that this task force really would become more of a steering group, steering committee, if you will. I don't know if the right name is committee or what, because in reality that group is going to be, as you describe it, forming three sub-groups that will be doing the actual work and making the recommendations back to the larger group and –

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
I don't know that they would be making recommendations. I think that they would be posing options.

(Static/interference on line.)

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
Well, I'll go out on a limb and say that I predict the state-based approach will fail, so whatever they do they should have some options that aren't precluded around the assumption that the state-based approach is the right way to go.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Was that David?

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
Yes. Yes. I'm sorry.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Well, David, that surely is an opinion that people have voiced. Having said that, the federal government has now invested approximately several hundred million dollars in this effort and so we believe that the appropriate thing to do is to give the states, who are following this approach, the guidance that they need to help ensure that they don't fail.

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
Yes and I understand the constraints of federalism and of the existing laws and the existing money. My comments was offered somewhat in jest and somewhat out of frustration because we've got the cart before the horse in that the states have been given their money and their marching mandate before there are even meaningful use requirements, much the less technical and regulatory guidance on how to meet

them. So it is very chaotic in the states and so the real comment underneath is let's not do something that locks us into an inflexible model because we may learn a lot in the next four or five years and it should be possible for alternate approaches to emerge if the market decides that there's a better way to do it.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Well, I don't envision that the group will be doing that. We're hoping that when somebody was asking about architecture, this group is not going to be addressing; it won't be suggesting architecture or it may be saying, "Among the ones that are out there now, this might be a better way to go."

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
Yes.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
But it's not going to be prescriptive in architecture. That's just not how things are set up. As a matter of fact, I don't know that I made it very clear, which was that it's my understanding that the interpretation of the cooperative agreement is that a state doesn't necessarily have to adopt any architecture and can spend its money planning and doing other things.

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
Yes. I didn't mean to mislead. I assume the group will do the right thing with respect to that. It's really a question of how precise and how constraining would particular regulations that are tied to meaningful use stimulus dollars, because that's probably the strongest lever arm that you have, how constraining would they be. It sounds pretty clear that the goal is not to be overly constraining, so that's good.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Well, the goal here is really, if you get too constraining, for one thing, we can't get down to the level in this kind of a discussion as to some of the detailed choices people will have to be making. Any kind of policy decisions that have to be made, we have a privacy and security framework that's at what I would call about the 5,000-foot level. What we're hoping evolves from this is something at about the 2,500-foot level still so that it's helpful for people going forward, but it's flexible enough to encompass new models as they arise.

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
Good. Thank you.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Anything else?

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
Joy, yes. I wanted to just mention a suggestion. Perhaps instead of considering that our workgroup will go into a hiatus I would strongly recommend that members of our workgroup be then brought into the task force and into the Tiger Teams or however they're going to be called so that at the end there's actually a continuation really of the work of our Security & Privacy Workgroup within now the work that the Policy Committee is doing.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
That's an interesting option, Walter. How many workgroup members do you think might be interested in doing that? I mean I don't know how often this group meets, because I haven't really been involved in this until this very call, but we are talking about a fairly intense period of involvement over the summer.

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
Well, if you lay out the expectations perhaps those can be submitted to the members of the workgroup. I'm sure there will be a number of people that will be offering to participate. This is a very important topic and is one that, as David said, has failed so many times in the past. We don't want to see it go through that again and so I for one will be committed to participating in as many and as intense work as is needed.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Okay. This is something that's very worthwhile taking into consideration. I am going to think about this and see how we can accomplish some of this because I know that your group – what I don't want to do is combine all of the groups and we're not even doing that with the Privacy & Security and the NHIN groups in total. It just becomes too unmanageable if you have that many people and people dropping in and dropping off of involvement. I think if we had all three workgroups together we'd be talking about somewhere over 60 people, so even with those two groups we're going to probably have maybe, I don't know, 4 or 5 people from the workgroups participate in this kind of a task force and kind of suspend the other activity while we're undergoing this effort. So to the extent that members of this workgroup might be interested, that is probably a likely paradigm.

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Yes. I agree.

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
That sounds good. I certainly would volunteer for whatever services that the group thought I could help with and I promise to hide some of my cynicism.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Thank you.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
Don't believe him for one minute.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Okay.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
David, I was kidding. I was kidding.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Okay.

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
... that's fine. That's fine.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
I laughed. I laughed.

David McCallie – Cerner Corporation – Vice President of Medical Informatics
I am who I am.

(Overlapping voices.)

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
I agree with ... he said that it really is important that we have strong technical people participating in that task force. I know that in my experience working on the Privacy & Security Policy Workgroup if there's one factor that has really slowed us down, I would say, is the fact that there are only two of us there that really know the technology and people will come up with proposals that don't make sense to begin with and we'll spend weeks discussing them. So I really think that that's really important, so I'm glad you guys stepped up and volunteered to participate.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Okay. Well, let me ponder this and I also need to run it by the other workgroup chairs about how best to go forward from here and then I think the thing that makes the most sense for me to do is then to touch base again with Dixie. Does that sound right?

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It sounds good to me.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
Good. It sounds fine.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
And then she can do coordination on that end.

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That sounds great.

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
Joy, I don't want to add a wrinkle or anything like that, but I know you've been involved in this: The National Committee also has a Security & Privacy Sub-Committee is what we call it under the National Committee and it has looked and addressed a number of these issues as well and is looking at addressing some of the issues that I expect this new task force will also be addressing. I'm sure you will be working behind the scenes also to make sure that there is coordination with the National Committee.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
I met with Leslie Francis this week, Walter.

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
Perfect. Okay. That's all I wanted to make sure, because I'm a member of that committee and sub-committee too and I know we've been debating about that and how to cross-coordinate again.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Yes.

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
Your point at the very beginning is very true. Each of these groups has talked about the same things, talked about them in different ways with different perspectives and with different outcomes and so that's what is perpetrating some of the failures that I think David was commenting on before. So I think the more we coordinate and have a single way of seeing things and then after that the various workgroups and committees can go and do their respective work with the same common set of principles and understanding. I think that will be very helpful.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Yes. The other thing about that, Walter, is NCVHS has a long history of addressing these issues and has had a lot of hearings on these issues. I believe their input would be very useful for the people who are on this task force to hear, "Yes, we discussed that and here's how we looked at it," just from a perspective point of view would be very helpful. So I appreciate what you're talking about. As I said, I talked to Leslie and am trying to figure out in short order a means of bringing them into this process too and some of that involves having to clarify what I technically can do here.

As you know; I don't know if you've ever worked for a governmental agency; things are never as easy as they should be.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
Yes.

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Yes, particularly on something like this I bet.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
Oh, I'm sure.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
You have no idea.

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The number of jurisdictions is immense.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
Yes. Well, thank you, Joy. I think you've clearly gotten the message that we're all very excited that this is happening. As everybody on this call can tell you, in many, many cases we've been trying to prescribe or recommend standards and have just not been able to because of the lack of policy to base them on, so this is a really good development.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Okay. I will check back with this and coordination with the other chairs. On my to-do list is to check back with Dixie so that we can figure out where to go from here.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
Sounds good.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
And that will be in fairly short order.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
Okay.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Okay.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences

Okay. Joy, can you give me some indication or I'll be happy to send an e-mail out to all of our members and give them some estimate of the level of effort that would be required? What level of effort, one meeting a week or two hours a week or what?

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
I'm still working that out right now, so what I'd like to do, rather than send something out right now, is once we decide what the structure of this is going to be and how much the task force members will be expected to take part in the special interest groups, then we'll have a better sense of the timing, time commitment and how many people we think; you would know how many people we would actually want from this group to participate.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
Okay. Then I will just hold on and once you get that worked we'll –

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Right. As I said, I'm trying to proceed on this with all good pace within my governmental role.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
Okay. In other words you've got one or two other things to do. Okay.

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
Joy, just a quick comment or question: You mentioned during the call first three groups and then you mentioned two groups that were considered to be formed, so it's either two or three groups I think. I mean I think you are still working on the names or the topics. Is that fair to say?

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Well, the overall idea is to have a task force comprised at kind of like the workgroup level that would be members from the other workgroups combined, okay? And then under that, if you're visually oriented, you would move down from that one task force into a group. I believe we've decided on three for the privacy and security components, three special interest groups, each of which will have a staff member assigned to it to do research or write papers, not long papers, like two-page things on the issues that people want some assistance with, things of that nature, which is not support that we've been able to provide in the past. So it would be concentrated support like that or go find somebody who does this; go interview these people; get back to us; tell us what it is; that kind of thing. Then coming from those special interest groups what I would envision right now is that there will be a series of what I think I'd like to see from them, kind of one to two pages of a short list of options as to how to approach a policy issue and that would go back to the working group in total.

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
And the topics of those three special interest groups, have you sort of identified is one of them going to be consent –

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Yes.

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
That kind of thing.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer

We're starting down that process and the way that that is working is that I asked the other co-chairs from Privacy & Security and the NHIN Workgroups to forward me their list of priorities. I have spoken internally with the state HIE groups and NHIN and the RECs to identify policy issues, as opposed to just operational issues that they would prioritize. I have this list from Dixie that indicated kind of where your group has been looking at potential guidance for issues. So once I kind of collate all of that together probably the top three will, I'm sure, rise to the top fairly quickly, but I feel a little hesitant to out those right now without having all of the input in. I'm sure consent will be one of them because that's what the Privacy & Security Workgroup was looking at, but it will be done within the context of different models.

Walter Suarez – Institute HIPAA/HIT Education & Research – Pres. & CEO
Joy, I just wanted to say too that having had the pleasure to work with you over so many years in the past I'm so confident that we're going to be in such a great set of hands and great mind and I think this is going to be very successful, so I'm very excited. Thank you for leading this.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Thank you, Walter. I needed to hear that today.

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We're excited that you're going to get all of the lightning bolts.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
Hey, you know, that's my job.

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I hope they pay you enough.

Joy Pritts – ONC – Chief Privacy Officer
There's no way, but I did have one of those targets just tattooed on my back to make is easy for people.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
That's a good idea. Okay. Well, thank you, all, again –

Judy Sparrow – Office of the National Coordinator – Executive Director
Wait, Dixie. We have to ask for public comment.

Dixie Baker – Science Applications Intl. Corp. – CTO, Health & Life Sciences
I'm sorry. Yes.

Judy Sparrow – Office of the National Coordinator – Executive Director
Operator, can you see if there is any comment from the public, please?

Operator
(Instructions given)

Judy Sparrow – Office of the National Coordinator – Executive Director
Okay. Thank you, everybody.